

Dear Chair Prusak and Members of the House Health Committee,

I am writing both as a mother and as a Certified Nurse Midwife who utilized the services of a birth center and hospital when delivering my own child 18 months ago. I am writing to ask you to vote yes on HB 2388 to improve access to midwifery care.

I chose midwifery care because of the excellent care I know midwives provide and the positive health outcomes associated with this care. I believe everyone deserves equitable access to midwifery care when birthing a child and this bill would help offer this opportunity to everyone who desires it. The birth of my child was one of the most significant life events I have, or imagine I will ever, experience and I am so grateful for the autonomy I had in choosing a provider to guide me through this process.

Please vote yes on HB 2388 so that all Oregon families have access to midwifery care. Thank you for the work you do to support the health of mothers and babies.

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